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1. (C) Summary. The GONL will pledge 10 million euros at the Paris Donors Conference in addition to the 35.3 million euros in assistance they provided in 2007. They also favor the establishment of an international mechanism to distribute the aid. The Dutch delegation will likely be led by Foreign

Minister Verhagen or Development Cooperation Minister Koenders, but only if they are able to address the conference in the morning of December 17 -- the same day parliament debates extending the deployment of Dutch troops in Afghanistan. Otherwise, State Secretary for European Affairs Frans Timmermans will lead the Dutch delegation. End Summary.

¶2. (SBU) Deputy Chief of Mission delivered on December 10 reftel points regarding the December 17 Paris Donors Conference to Gert Heijkoop, Deputy Director North Africa and Middle East Department, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

¶3. (SBU) Heijkoop said the November 27 Annapolis Conference "went well," noting it was a step in the right direction and that without U.S. leadership on Middle East peace "nothing would happen." He said the GONL shared USG concerns regarding the challenges facing the PA and the Palestinian people, adding that while the West Bank was doing well in comparison with developing nations in Africa, conditions in the Gaza strip were "horrible," with close to 70 percent of the population unemployed and living in poverty.

¶4. (C) Heijkoop told emboffs on a close hold basis that the GONL planned to pledge 10 million euros at the December 17 Paris Donors Conference. He noted the GONL had already budgeted 35.3 million euros in Development Assistance to the Palestinian Territories in 2007, of which 10 million is allocated toward good governance, 10 million to economic reconstruction, 3.5 million to humanitarian aid (supporting the UN Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and UNICEF), and 11.8 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency.

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¶5. (SBU) According to Heijkoop, it was unsure whether Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen or Development Cooperation Minister Bert Koenders would represent the Dutch in Paris. He noted the parliament would be debate extending the deployment of Dutch troops in Afghanistan that same day, and that it was possible that neither minister would attend. In that case, State Secretary for European Affairs Frans Timmermans would lead the Dutch delegation. Heijkoop added, however, that the Paris schedule was being rearranged to accommodate UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and that the Dutch could attend at the ministerial-level if their delegations was scheduled to speak in the morning.

¶6. (SBU) Heijkoop noted that the PA would soon receive large amounts of assistance and that "given the PA's track record" the Dutch opposed a "single treasury account." Instead, the GONL favored a successor to the Temporary International Mechanism due to expire in March 2008.
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